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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several eminent scientists in foreign countries have expressed their desire to help Indian scientists in various themes of research on AIDS;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have held any discussions with foreign countries to provide help in research on AIDS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. For promotion of the research in the field of HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) prevention and control, an Indo-US Joint Statement between USA and Government of India was signed on June 13th 2000. The eminent scientists working in the field of HIV/AIDS from the National Institute of Health & other related Institutes like National Institute of Mental Health, National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Child Health and Human development etc. in USA would have collaborative research projects with Scientists from Indian Research Institutes like National AIDS Research Institute, Pune, Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai, National Institute of Biologicals, NOIDA and National Institute of Virology, Pune etc. to initiate a range of HIV/AIDS and STD prevention research efforts including behavioural intervention strategies and epidemiological and operational research on HIV/AIDS and STDs, including surveillance STD treatment and reproductive health.